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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, January 17th.

All loyal subjects, and especially those of Scottish birth, have received with gratification the announcement of the betrothal of H.R.H. the Duke of York to the Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, youngest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore. Already the Prince has special ties with Scotland. He is Earl of Inverness, and Honorary Colonel of the 1st Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders. Now, of his own free will and at the guidance of his heart, he contemplates forming another and a closer and more intimate one. He is about to enter into alliance with a daughter of the "Thane of Glamis." Scotland has peculiar reason for feeling pride and interest in the prospective marriage—in the fact that, for the third time in little more than half a century, the rule that required that the descendant of the reigning Sovereign should intermarry with either, and generally foreign, royal blood, has been departed from in favour of a son of a noble Scottish family.

The Lyons of Strathmore have been distinguished for loyalty and patriotic service ever since their ancestor, Sir John Lyon, Chamberlain of Scotland in 1377, received a grant of the Thanedom of Glamis, and contracted a Royal marriage by wedding Jean, daughter of King Robert II. They have been fortunate as few noble families in Scotland have been in carrying down with them, through five or six changeable centuries, their lands, their titles, and their traditions not only intact, but extended and enriched. They have been Barons of Glamis since 1445, and Earls of Strathmore since 1606; while the title of Lord Bowes, by which Lord Strathmore holds his seat in the House of Peers, proclaims his descent from and representation of a wealthy and powerful North of England house. Around the race and their grand old Castle of Glamis there has gathered a thick moss of history and legend. But what is perhaps better, worth remembering and recalling at this moment are the warm esteem and respect in which the family in later generations have been held by their neighbours and tenants, the great public services, in the field and in civil life, rendered by Lord Strathmore and other living members of his House, and along with the courage and devotion of his sons, the beauty, grace and many accomplishments of his daughters. Of these gifts the youngest and only unmarried daughter has her full share. The Prince and Lady Elizabeth have had many opportunities of making each others acquaintance, and ascertaining their mutual wishes, while he was a guest at Glamis Castle, and elsewhere, and more especially from the fact that the bride-to-be is a personal friend of the Princess Mary, and was one of the bridesmaids at her wedding.

The newspapers are flooded with gossip of a more or less—principally less reliable character, but the following anecdotes will probably be fresh to your readers and may be guaranteed as true. Lord Strathmore is always ready to permit visitors to be shown through the ancient Castle of Glamis (pronounced Glam), and on one occasion when a party from the United States came to see the place and hear the old ghost story Lady Elizabeth borrowed a maid's cap and apron, and in this disguise showed the Americans over the place. The visitors were greatly delighted with the stories told by the "maid" and her descriptions, and departed without discovering her identity. The story lacks something, however: we are never told whether the "maid" received the customary tip.

While on a visit to the Countess of Dalhousie, she had the services as a guide of David Stormont, the veteran stalker, and set out one morning for a walk over the moors and hills at Invermark. When returning they were suddenly enveloped by a thick mist, and, entirely at a loss, they had to seek themselves on the heather and wait till the mist lifted. The mist at last lifted as suddenly as it came, and Lady Elizabeth and the stalker were surprised to see, a short distance away, three well grown stags. Her Ladyship had a gun, and quickly shot the three animals. She returned home late in the evening, very tired and very hungry, but greatly elated over her big bag.

A FAMOUS SCOTTISH EXPLORER.

Shortly before he died in October, 1921, Dr. W. S. Bruce, the famous Scottish Explorer, expressed the desire that his remains should be cremated and the ashes cast upon the seas in the South Atlantic. In accordance with his wish, his body was cremated in Glasgow and the ashes placed in a casket. Since then they have remained in this country, but at the end of last week the s.s. *Coronada* set sail from Leith, with the casket on board. The vessel's destination is South Georgia, and off the coast of the island the captain of the *Coronada* will cast the ashes to the four winds. It is quite fitting that Dr. Bruce should have expressed such a desire, for though he was perhaps best known to the general public by reason of his frequent Northern visits, it had ever been his ambition to force his way through the mountains of ice which guard the inner regions of the Antarctic. In 1902 he led the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition to the South, and not half of what he and his gallant comrades on the *Scottia* experienced on that occasion has yet been told.

BOTULISM A WORLD-WIDE DANGER.

"One is forced to the conclusion that bacillus botulinus is widely distributed as a soil organism in this country as well as in others." This is one of the disturbing findings in the report of the Loch Maree tragedy submitted by Dr. Gerald Leighton to the Scottish Board of Health. We have had the fatal bacillus with us for years. It is probably that there have been cases of death from it among

human subjects which, from its unknown nature and unusual occurrence, have escaped the notice of medical men and the public. But it required the disaster, involving eight deaths, at the Loch Maree Hotel, last August to bring its presence and the dangers arising therefrom into prominent notice. It has been definitely proved that wild duck paste sandwiches were distributed amongst six packets for lunch to guests of the Hotel, and that two of these packets were shared with two gillies who were with the fishermen; so that eight people in all partook of the wild duck paste, and these eight people died. Further, the remains of the paste were found to be "of such terrible toxicity that an amount of it in bulk equal to the size of one pin's head would have been sufficient to kill 2,000 mice."

The discovery that a lethal agency of such fearful potency has become in a manner an ingredient of the soil should not create greater alarm than is reasonable. Even to the eaters of preserved foods, the danger arising from botulism is "infinitely less than a hundred other risks they take every day of their lives." Experiments made by Dr. Meyer, of the California University, appear to indicate that the soil of our island is much less impregnated with this widely distributed toxin element than the soil of many other lands. It is present in 37 per cent. of the virgin soils of California, it shows relatively high percentages also in the soils of Continental countries, and in those of Hawaii and China.

One of the counsels contained in the report runs somewhat contrary to public prejudice or preference. Glass containers have been more popular than tin, but, given good tins, tin containers are pronounced to have every advantage as vehicles of preserved food, because unlike glass, they can, without risk of being destroyed, be sterilised at a temperature that ensures the destruction of pathogenic spores; and "the whole solution of the prevention of botulism in preserved foods is a question of efficient sterilisation." Indeed, Dr. Leighton in his report "has no hesitation in saying that he should like to see the glass containers abolished."

PERTSHIRE'S GRAND OLD LADY.

A beautiful old lady, white-haired, with wonderful eyes and alert mind, Mrs. Haldane, whose home lies snug amongst the Perthshire hills at Cloan, will in April celebrate one of the most notable birthdays of the year. She will then be 93 years of age. Throughout her long life Mrs. Haldane has been endowed with rare mental qualities, which have brought her rich store of charming memories. She still speaks of the day when the crowds surrounded the coach at her home near Otterburn, as it came from London with the news of the Reform Bill Division. She also remembers a great Lord-Chancellor, Lord Eldon, her grand-uncle, and she still writes daily to a Lord-Chancellor of our own time, her son, Viscount Haldane. She reads without glasses, and is interested in everything modern, both at home and abroad. It is over 60 years ago since Miss Mary Elizabeth Burdon-Sanderson came over the Border to marry, as his second wife, Robert Haldane of Cloan, near Glenelg. Her husband died in 1877, and she brought up a brilliant family—the eldest, Lord Haldane, the second Mr. John Burdon-Sanderson Haldane, one of the greatest authorities on colliery explosions and the physiology of respiration; the third, Sir William Stowell Haldane, the Edinburgh lawyer. Her daughter, Elizabeth is the distinguished Hegelian, the biographer of Descartes and Ferrier, the University of St. Andrews conferred upon her its LL.D., and she was the first woman J.P. in Scotland.

CIVIL SERVANTS' WORKING DAY.

LESS THAN SEVEN HOURS.

[BY "THE TIMES" PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.]

The proposal to lengthen the working day of Civil servants by an hour is prompted by considerations of economy. The saving would amount to approximately £7,000,000 a year. The working day of the great body of Civil servants consists of seven hours, and there is a half-holiday on Saturday "except when the state of business renders this impracticable." It would appear that the luncheon interval of three-quarters of an hour, or of a full hour "in special cases of difficulty," is reckoned in the working day, at any rate in London, where according to the report of the Select Committee on Estimates, which was issued last August, the hours of work during the week do not exceed 34½. "Civil servants attend at 10 o'clock in the morning, have three-quarters of an hour for luncheon, and leave at 5 o'clock, with the exception of Saturday, when they leave at 1.30." Over-time (except to the administrative class) is paid when the attendance is in excess of forty-two hours a week. The Select Committee expressed the opinion that 34½ hours could not be considered to constitute a fair week's work for the Civil Service in London.

Elsewhere than in London an eight-hour day is being gradually introduced. Official information shows that before the war the Civil Service consisted of 233,000 people, costing £229,500,000, whereas now it consists of 325,000 people and costs, with the hours, £27,400,000.

Despatches from Berlin confirm the report that Germany is prepared to accept full responsibility for the sinking of the *Lusitania*. American claims total \$6,200 and the State Department has filed with the Claims Commission 4,000 claims, aggregating over \$500,000,000.

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submit his opinion to the communal
decision and must wait for the common
good any conviction that life must not
be taken. In the case of crime when the
communal life is not threatened, we
should not do as a community what none
of us would do as an individual. The
test ought to be—

Are we willing to carry out the
execution ourselves?

PUBLIC EXECUTIONS.

"When, as a society, we execute a man
we are responsible as individuals for the
act, and until we can say that as indi-
viduals we are willing to do the thing our-
selves, and feel justified in doing it, we
have not reached the beginning of a
logical point of view. Mr. Chesterton has
suggested that executions should be in
public, so that we can at least see what
we are doing. That is not a complete
argument, but there are few of us who
would care to witness our handiwork."

"Society is society, and we are part of
one another."

RELIGIOUS SIDE.

"Then there is the religious aspect.
Are we Christian States or are we not?
Do we believe in an after life and a God?
Theoretically we do, and yet we shirk our
responsibility when we send a man to the
gallows. 'Shooting won't do him any
good,' Lincoln once said of a young
soldier sentenced to be shot. Capital
punishment is not solving any problem.
It is a pretty poor kind of business, and
some day it will find us out."

M.P.'S QUESTION.

Major Christopher Lowther, M.P., who
has three times introduced a Bill in Par-
liament to abolish capital punishment,
said:

"An individual, in taking another
man's life is incurring the very gravest
responsibility. The State, in executing a
man, is taking the same responsibility.
There is no justice in the sentence. If a
man is convicted for a colossal crime, he
gets a few years' imprisonment, al-
though he is causing far more unhappi-
ness and misery to the community than
the man who in a fit of passion kills
another man. In the case of the women
sentenced, including Mrs. Thompson, it is
likely that public sentiment will not allow
them to be hanged. But if you do not
hang Mrs. Thompson, how can you pos-
sibly hang Bywaters? If one thing is
patent from the Ilford trial it is that the
woman's was the master mind. Again, it
can be said for Bywaters that he is not
yet 21. As the law would not allow him
to bring an action without the consent
of his parents, it is extremely illogical
that the law should exact the fullest
penalty for his crime."

"INSUFFICIENT."

"That it is a deterrent," Major Low-
ther went on, "is the strongest argument
in favour of capital punishment. But it
is not a sufficient argument. I am not at
all sure that the lash, in the cases of
brutal murder, would not be as great a
deterrent as hanging. A century ago,
when the death penalty was imposed for a
variety of crimes, it increased rather
than diminished the number of criminals.
The only case in which capital punishment
is justified is when the existence of the
State is endangered."

PUNISHING THE INNOCENT.

"Another point which is overlooked is
the feelings of the relatives of the con-
victed persons. In hanging a man we are
inflicting a ghastly punishment on in-
nocent people. One can imagine any-
thing more terrible than the calling of
Mrs. Bywaters to give evidence that help-
ed to send her son to the gallows! To
appear in the witness-box at all was a
great enough punishment. If, on the
other hand, there is imprisonment for life,
the mother has something to live for, and
as it is the return of her son. We have
had to grapple with far greater problems
than this. Surely it does not pass the wit
of our legislators to find a substitute for
the death penalty."

DEATH DECREE DEFENCE.

Capital punishment was defended by
Sir Herbert Stephen, who has been Clerk
of Assizes for the Northern Circuit since
1889.

"Many years ago," he said, "there were
constant proposals to abolish capital pun-
ishment, and of late years there have been
hardly any. I always used to attribute
it to the fact that the case of Lefroy made
such an impression on the public mind
that they did not at all like the idea of a
man of that kind not being hung. I am
all in favour of the maintenance of capital
punishment. I think it ought to be in-
creased rather than diminished; it ought
to be imposed more often in the case of
desperate criminals. I do not make that
a practical suggestion; it is merely the
expression of my personal opinion."

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A HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY REVEALED.

The mystery surrounding the disap-
pearance, several months ago, of Mrs.
Alice Hilda Middleton, wife of the chief
officer of the S.S. *Marquise*, was solved
on January 10th, when the Police forced
their way into a barricaded house, 24
Park Road, Regent's Park, London, oc-
cupied by Mr. Cecil Maltby, tailor. As
the officers mounted the stairs they heard
a shot, and on reaching the top floor they
found Mr. Maltby lying dead, on a bed
with a bullet wound in his head and a
revolver clamped in his right hand.

In an adjacent room the officers dis-
covered a bundle in a bath, in which was
the nude and decomposed body of Mrs.
Middleton. Under the head a pillow had
been placed. There was no water in the
bath. The room was not really a bath-
room, but a kitchen, in which a bath
had been placed. Maltby appeared to
have been using this room for living pur-
poses, obtaining the water he required by
surreptitious means, and living a hermit-
like existence.

Maltby appears to have fired the re-
volver into his mouth. The bullet came
out at the back of his head, and is stated
to have been found embedded in the wall.
There was no outward indication of the
cause of the woman's death.

Behind the sinister mystery thus
brought to light in its broad outlines
there is a story which will probably never
be fully revealed. The tailor's shop was
founded many years ago by the dead
man's grandfather, and was afterwards
carried on by Maltby's father, both of
whom controlled a fairly good business.
It has been said that at one time Charles
Dickens was one of their customers.

Maltby took over the business in 1910 on
the death of his father. For a time he
employed two or three hands, but, having
also inherited a considerable sum of
money from his father, he began to
neglect the business, and latterly appears
to have allowed it to lapse entirely. He
was a married man, but had separated
from his wife and six children, who live
at Cricklewood. During the war he
served in the Army. He seems to have
had some literary tendencies, for he once
wrote an "historical novel," copies of
which he presented to favoured custom-
ers. After the war he became somewhat
eccentric in his manner.

Exactly when he first became acquaint-
ed with Mrs. Middleton is not known,
but it must have been some time before
June of last year, when the woman left
her own home at Yale-court, Hampstead,
and, according to an alleged statement
of Maltby, went to live with him at
Park-road. They seem to have been on
affectionate terms, and during the sum-
mer months went about a good deal
together on Maltby's motor-cycle and
sidescar, visiting racecourses and other
places. At the time she left Yale-court
Mrs. Middleton's husband was at sea.

On his return to England in October he
learned she had gone from home, and
that his allowance for her had not been
drawn since August. His efforts to find
her were unavailing, and when Maltby
was asked about her he said she had gone
away from there and had taken her
"things" with her.

After Mrs. Middleton was seen no more
at Park-road, Maltby appears to have
become very retiring, and the business fell
completely away. Towards the end he
left the house only after nightfall, and
never visited his regular haunts. The
last time he was seen outside the shop
was three days before the end, when he
went to a coffee-stall and bought coffee
and food. From that time he remained
obstinately indoors, and when the detec-
tives went to the house he peered at them
from behind the blind of a window and
refused to answer the questions shouted
to him. Efforts were also made to speak
to him by telephone, his number being
still recorded in the directory, but no
reply could be obtained. During this
week he must have been practically starv-
ing, and he is said to have had an en-
feebled appearance. There were indica-
tions that he had been using the room
in which the decomposed body was found
as a living room.

MR. MIDDLETON'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Middleton, husband of the murder-
ed woman, in conversation with Reuter's
representative, at Port Said, said he and
his wife had lived very happily together
and had no quarrel. He last saw her on
July 30th at Fowey. The last letter he
received from her was quite cheery and
reached him on August 15th at Baltimore.
He knew nothing of Maltby. Between his
last two voyages he had tried to see him
and to ascertain the whereabouts of his
wife, but had failed to find anyone at
the house, and consequently had reported
the matter to the police.

NO EXCEPTION FOR WOMEN.

While not expressing any opinion on
the Ilford case, Sir Herbert said:—"I
have never thought that the mere fact
of a woman being a woman ought to pre-
vent her being put to death. Especially
since the passing of the Sex Disqualifica-
tion (Removal) Act I can see no reason
for making any exceptions in favour of
women merely because they are women."

Sir Edgar Bonham-Carter, in a letter
to *The Times*, on January 16th, on the
subject of capital punishment in the case
of women, expresses the opinion that the
best solution of the problem would be
to vet the judges with discretion upon
the verdict of murder, allowing them to
pass the sentence of penal servitude for
life in lieu of the death sentence. He
points out that a provision to this effect
is contained in the Indian penal code,
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THE ALLEGATIONS OF AN OLD WOMAN.

A STORY OF ROBBERY AND ASSAULT.

The next case which came before the Chief Justice and a Jury comprising Messrs. J. H. Scott (foreman), A. H. Neaves, P. R. Glendinning, J. C. Botelho, A. Carmichael, C. H. W. Kew and H. W. Fetterly, was that in which a Chinese named Lau Hon Hin was indicted on a charge of robbery from the person of an old woman aged 72 years, at Yaumati on January 20th, of one gold finger ring and \$23.30 in money.

Mr. E. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, said the victim of the robbery was an old woman who lived in an unnumbered house in Shanghai Street, Yaumati. She described herself as a doctor of herbs. At 8 a.m. on January 20th she alleged that the prisoner came to her house and asked her to visit a sick person. She went with him. Prisoner, it was said, took her to an out-of-the-way spot near the rifle range, where it was alleged that she was indecently assaulted and robbed. Later in the day she was taken to a house in Samshui where she identified the prisoner and he was arrested.

Whilst giving her evidence the old woman chuckled and crooned whenever the prisoner put forward any questions. Inspector Timothy Murphy said that when the woman was brought to the Police Station she had blood on her lips and the lobe of her right ear was torn. At the house where the prisoner was arrested the woman at first failed to identify the man, but on examining him closely a second time said he was the man.

According to Dr. D. J. Valentine's evidence given at the Magistracy, which was read out at the Sessions, the prisoner, who was examined by him on January 21st, bore several scratches on the neck and wrist which he said might have been inflicted by finger-nails within 48 hours previous to the medical examination.

Evidence was also given by the prisoner's landlady and by a shop-assistant to the effect that the prisoner was indebted to them for some time previously and that on the day of the robbery he paid his bills to these people.

The Chief Justice, in the course of his summing up to the Jury, said that he did not doubt for one moment that the old lady had been robbed by somebody, but the point was whether the prosecution had proved that the prisoner was the man who committed the robbery. The old woman failed to identify the prisoner at first. In these Courts they had to deal with a large number of prisoners and they had many cases where there could be no doubt as to the guilt of the prisoners, but they also had cases full of doubt and they tried their best to probe to the bottom of them. In this case there seemed to be a certain amount of doubt and if the Jury held that doubt then the prisoner was entitled to it.

After considering the case for some moments in Court the Foreman of the Jury asked to be allowed to consider their verdict in private. The Jury returned to Court after half an hour's absence and announced a verdict of guilty by a majority of four to three. As this majority was insufficient to register a conviction, the jurors were sent back to reconsider their verdict. They returned with the same result.

The Chief Justice asked if one or more of the Jurors were prepared to waive their opinions in favour of the prisoner, seeing that there was an element of doubt about the case.

The Jurors had a further consultation and the foreman announced that one of their number had waived his opinion in favour of the prisoner.

In view of this the Crown Solicitor was asked by His Lordship if he would accept the verdict of the majority. The Crown Solicitor said he was prepared to ask for a new trial of the case at the next Sessions if the majority of the Jurors had returned a verdict of guilty, but as the majority had returned a verdict of not guilty he was quite prepared to accept that verdict.

The Chief Justice: I think you have acted very fairly and properly in the matter.

The prisoner was discharged.

ARMED MAN TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

Arrested by surprise on January 22nd in a tea-house at No. 111, Battery Street, Yaumati, by Inspector Murphy and several Chinese detectives, Yee Wai was found unlawfully to have in his possession a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, and was yesterday indicted on that charge. He pleaded "guilty."

In reply to questions by the Chief Justice, Inspector Murphy said the man made a statement at the Police Station that he had come down from the country to commit a robbery at a grocer's shop. This statement the prisoner denied, and added that at the Police Station he said he had no intention of robbing a grocer's shop.

The prisoner was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLEGED AGGRAVATED ARMED ROBBERY.

IDENTIFIED BY A FELT HAT.

"This is a case of a robbery of an aggravated nature," said Mr. Dyer Ball prosecuting in a case which was opened at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday afternoon. The prisoner at the Bar was a young man and he was indicted on a charge of committing an armed robbery together with others on January 20th, 1923, at the house of a cinematograph dealer in Shanghai Street, Yaumati, when the dealer, named Cheung Ping Tsang, his wife and the family aman were robbed of a quantity of money and jewellery. Two men who visited the house to see the dealer on business were also robbed.

Mr. Dyer Ball in opening the case said that on January 20th at 7.30 p.m., all the complainant's family were at home when a knock came to the door. It was answered by the complainant's wife. A man asked for Cheung Ping Tsang. He and two others who were with him were admitted to the sitting room, and Cheung was called from one of the rear cubicles. The prisoner spoke to the complainant about hiring some films, but as he spoke he seized the complainant round the chest with his left hand and raised his right hand in which he held a dagger, saying at the same time: "Keep quiet or I will stab you to death." The family aman came into the room at the moment to serve tea to the visitors, but seeing what had happened she tried to run away. On the stairs she was met by another man who forced her back into the room. One of the robbers was armed with an automatic pistol and the other three had daggers. The robbers drove the inmates into a cubicle and there tied them up. Whilst this was going on two men came to the door and asked for the complainant, and the robbers put them off by telling them that he had gone to Hongkong. A little later two other men, named Young Wing Sau and Chan Hoi, knocked at the door. They were admitted by the robbers, and seized, bound and robbed also. None of the stolen property had been recovered. Nine days after the robbery the two men who were admitted to the house and robbed were instrumental in getting the prisoner arrested. They happened to be near the Western Market when they saw the prisoner walking along the street. He was the man who admitted them to the house. An Indian Sergeant was called and the man was arrested. They recognised him by his face and by a certain felt hat he was wearing at the time of the robbery. At an identification parade both the complainant and his wife identified the prisoner without hesitation, whilst the man pointed to him and said in typical Chinese he was "several times of times" like one of the robbers. The prisoner at the Police Station said "I did not do so. I have nothing to say."

Before the Magistrate he made a long statement to the effect that Young Wing Sau was an old enemy, they having quarrelled over a certain game of marbles. The quarrel had developed into a long standing feud.

Evidence for the prosecution was called and the case was adjourned.

The Jury empanelled for the case was: Messrs. A. G. W. Ogilvie (foreman), T. R. Parsons, W. S. Drake, M. A. Gomes, A. Germain, P. A. X. Piquet and R. Taglor.

ONE WAY OF MAKING A LIVING.

ALLEGED FORCEFUL METHODS OF RAISING A LOAN.

Two Chinese were indicted on two charges of demanding money with menaces from a compatriot named Cho Man Yuet and with intimidating the same man. The prisoners pleaded "not guilty" to both charges and the following jury was empanelled: Messrs. A. G. W. Ogilvie (foreman), T. R. Parsons, W. S. Drake, M. G. Gomes, A. Germain, P. A. X. Piquet and R. Taglor.

Mr. Dyer Ball prosecuting for the Crown, said the complainant was an accountant at the Kwong Ching Cheung furniture shop, Hollywood Road. At 8 p.m., on January 8th the prisoners came to the shop and called for Cho Man Yuet. The first prisoner was alleged to have said "I have a letter for you" and this he left on a chest of drawers in the room and then walked out. The letter was addressed to "Mr. Man Yuet."

It read: "At present our brothers have more business on hand and we ask you for a loan of \$500. On receipt of this letter come to the Cheung Yee Tea-house at Sai Ying Pui at 8 p.m. on January 7th. Do not fail to do so." The letter was signed "Tung Yee Shih" (the name of a society). The complainant took no notice of the letter beyond going to the police and reporting the matter. On January 12th the defendants came again to the shop, accompanied by three other men. They stayed outside the door. They asked for Mr. Cho, who on appearance was asked by the first prisoner: "What is your answer to the letter?" Complainant asked in reply: "What letter?" The prisoner replied: "You know the letter—the one asking for the loan. You are shamming stupid now, I suppose. I will shoot you if you do not go to the tea-house at 8 p.m." He promised to go. Before doing so he reported the occurrence to the police and two detectives went with him. At the tea-house he saw the prisoners and they were arrested.

The prisoner was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

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THE PHILIPPINES AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

THE PROPOSED APPLICATION OF COASTWISE LAW.

The following Associated Press messages appear in Manila papers:—

WASHINGTON, February 14th. Chairman Lasker of the United States Shipping Board announced to-day that the board had decided to recommend a presidential proclamation placing the Philippine Islands under the coastwise shipping law, provided the board could guarantee adequate service between the Islands and American ports on all coasts.

WASHINGTON, February 14th. The proposed proclamation applying the coastwise shipping law to the Philippines would prevent foreign ships from operating between the Islands and the United States. The Shipping Board decision was based on a report from J. F. Marias, general agent of the Shipping Board in the Philippines, that adequate service will require twenty-one ships.

VIEW OF FOREIGN STEAMSHIP AGENTS.

Under the heading "Foreign Lines Optimistic," the Manila Times prints the following:—

"Outside of the fact that Joseph F. Marias, local general agent for the shipping board, was now in Washington for the purpose of furnishing Chairman Lasker with information and data with reference to shipping conditions in the Islands, the Manila officials had little to say regarding the above dispatches."

It was stated, however, that when Mr. Marias left this port he was thoroughly equipped and prepared to discuss this subject with the Washington authorities. "While agents of privately owned ships flying the American flag and those who operate government owned vessels would welcome the extension of the coastwise laws to the Philippines, it seems to be general consensus of opinion, among agents of foreign ships, that President Harding will not follow Chairman Lasker's recommendation and that the application of the coastwise laws belongs in the distant future."

One agent stated this morning that Japan would naturally be forced to retaliate by making similar laws regarding the Japanese ports and that Great Britain would take the same action with Hongkong, the Straits Settlements and Vancouver.

The impression gained by visiting the different steamship offices is that the foreign lines are not worrying in the least. In fact they do not take the above cable at all seriously.

If the shortage of good vessels in the interisland trade is not remedied by allowing local foreign shipping corporations to replace ships rendered unfit for further sailing, and the shipping service is not improved, I think the United States Shipping Board would necessarily have to stop for the sending of American boats to be put in the interisland routes," said Governor-General Wood this morning in connection with the afore-mentioned dispatches.

He said that a bill amending the shipping provisions of the Administrative Code so that foreign shipping corporations may be able to replace ships sold since the code went into effect, is now before the legislature. He said that due to lack of suitable vessels, interisland shipping is far from being satisfactory.

OPPOSITION BY PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE.

A concurrent resolution authorizing the presidents of both houses of the Legislature to send a message to the President of the United States, renewing the petition that the United States coastwise shipping law should not be extended to the Philippines, was unanimously passed by both houses of the legislature on the 17th inst.

The resolution follows:— "Whereas, information has been received in Manila that there is to be submitted to the President of the United States a recommendation to the effect that he issue a proclamation putting the Philippine Islands under the jurisdiction of the United States coastwise shipping law; and

"Whereas, it has always been the conviction of the constitutional representatives of the Filipino people that such measure would be prejudicial to the interests of the people of the Philippine Islands;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate with the concurrence of the house of representatives to authorize the presidents of both houses of the legislature, as they are hereby authorized, to send to the President of the United States, through the resident commissioners at Washington, the following message:—

"We beg to be permitted once more to renew before you our wish and petition that the United States coastwise shipping law should not be extended to the Philippines. The fifth Philippine legislature, in its session of March 6th, 1920, approved a resolution, already transmitted to you, instructing our resident commissioners at Washington, so that they will oppose any law which would extend the provisions of the United States coastwise shipping law to the Philippines."

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Evidence was called, bearing out Mr. Dyer Ball's statement. After hearing the evidence the Jury, by a majority of six to one, returned a verdict of "not guilty" and the prisoner was discharged.

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PROPOSED TAX ON CABLES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL.

The Manila Times of the 18th inst. says: Cable companies and a number of newspaper correspondents in Manila are opposing the Bill submitted by the Governor General to the Legislature for passage during the present special session, proposing to tax ordinary cable messages at the rate of ten cents per word and press cable messages at five cents per word.

Attorneys for the cable companies have sent a letter to Senate President Quezon and Senators Guioara, Vicente de Vera and other members of the senate finance committee to Speaker Roxas and Representative De las Alas, chairman of the house appropriation committee, showing the illegality of the proposed measure.

The letter follows:—

"With reference to the proposed act fixing a tax on telegraphic cable messages to foreign countries submitted with the Governor General's message, I respectfully call your attention to the case of the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd. (Hord), reported in the 11th Philippine Reports p. 220, wherein the Supreme Court held that the attempt at that time to tax the company through the internal revenue law was an interference with foreign commerce and that law could not apply to foreign messages."

"I further call your attention to the opinion of the attorney general of the 31st of March, 1905, reported in Vol. II. of his opinions, p. 474, wherein he held as follows:—

"Sections 138 to 141 of the Internal Revenue Law, imposing a tax upon the gross receipts derived from conducting telegraph lines, are not applicable to the Commercial Pacific Cable Company. Said Company, having been created by the President of the United States with the provision in its charter that it should be subject to future regulation by Congress, can only be taxed by the Congress of the United States, and the Philippine Commission has no authority to impose a tax upon the business of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company."

"The Jones Law provides that taxation must be uniform and equal. It needs no argument, therefore, to show that if you cannot tax messages transmitting from the Commercial Pacific Co.'s lines for foreign countries you could not tax those over the Eastern Extension Co.'s lines."

"The proposed law is therefore illegal and would necessarily have to be declared void by the Supreme Court, and should therefore be rejected."

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

The meeting of the British-American Tobacco Company was interesting in one respect, namely, the indication the chairman was able to give of the policy of development which the board pursues. Dealing with the item, "general reserve," which has disappeared from the balance sheet, he explained that this account was built up from undivided profits and set up to provide against possible losses arising from the war. In bringing back, therefore, the portion not required to be written off to undivided profits, the directors were influenced by the fact that the world is still unsettled, and that it is vital to the company to conserve its cash resources. The need for large cash resources was made clear from a subsequent explanation justifying shareholders in looking forward with some confidence, as the business, which is already world wide, is being further developed in every country. The ambitious nature of the board's policy was disclosed in the remark that the whole of the world is not yet covered, in fact the company has only started on that work, and certain developments are in view. Manifestly, if the scope of the company's operations is to be extended, it would be unwise to divide up to the hilt. That is apparently the point which the board desire shareholders to bear in mind, particularly as business conditions are improving.—Daily Telegraph.

wise shipping law to the Philippines. The last parliamentary mission which went to Washington in June of last year, likewise presented to you a memorandum dated June 28th, 1922, saying that such measure would be to the great detriment of the interests of the Filipino people. That memorandum said at the end: The application of the coastwise shipping law to the Philippines will be considered by our people as an act of injustice to them, and furthermore, it would appear like sacrificing their interests to those of the shipping companies of this country."

"In the same way that we know that it is not the intention of the Government of the people of the United States to create difficulties for us or to prejudice in any way the interests of the Filipino people, we confidently hope that you will not apply the provisions of the coastwise shipping law to the Philippines."

"We firmly believe, Mr. President, that circumstances have not changed since then, and that the interests of the people and the commerce of the Philippines demand of us, as their constitutional representatives, that we renew our petition in the hope that this time, as on previous occasions, you will give us complete justice."

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., (president) took the chair, and others present included the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Dr. Balean, Messrs. A. R. Lowe, H. A. Cartwright, L. M. Whyte, J. P. Braga, W. W. Jackson, H. W. Remington, R. Stock (hon. secretary) and T. A. Martin (hon. treasurer).

Mr. Stock read the Committee's report, which stated that since the last annual general meeting, held on April 25th, 1922, the only occurrence has been the return of the petition by Colonel Ward owing to its non-compliance with the official orders relating to petitions addressed to the House of Commons. The petition was re-arranged in order to comply with those orders and was returned to Colonel Ward in May. Owing to the dissolution of Parliament, the re-presentation of the petition to the House of Commons has been delayed until February of this year.

Mr. L. M. Whyte joined the Committee during the year.

The membership of the Association now stands at 250.

The report was approved by the meeting.

The Chairman, in presenting the accounts, said that a balance of \$83 was brought forward from last year. The Association had incurred considerable expense in advertising and printing in connection with the petition, with the result that, although there was a cash balance in hand of \$30.11, the sum of \$103.44 was still owing. He therefore hoped that members would send in their subscriptions to the Treasurer without delay.

The accounts were duly adopted.

The Chairman, intimating that the next business of the meeting was to elect a new President, took the opportunity of thanking the Association for the honour they had done him in electing him President for the past year. He had much pleasure in proposing that the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, founder of the Association, be the President for the ensuing twelve months. Mr. Pollock had held the office twice previously and had done a great deal of work for the cause.

Mr. L. M. Whyte seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pollock expressed his appreciation of the honour. "I may say," he added, "that if it had not been for the somewhat urgent representations of the committee of their desire that I should consent to be re-elected as President I should not have been willing to stand. However, it has been strongly represented to me by the committee that, as the petition is now waiting for an answer, it would be in the best interests of the Association that I should serve as President." He added that this would be the last year he would consent to take the position, for he thought it a good plan to introduce new blood every year to direct the affairs of the Association. He was grateful for the support he had always received from the Committee and the members, and felt sure that support would be extended to him again. (Applause.)

As Mr. Owen Hughes, last year's vice-president, was home on leave, Mr. A. E. Love was elected in his place. In nominating Mr. Love, the Chairman said he had always shown great interest in public affairs, both in and out of Council.

The Chairman informed the meeting that, owing to his business duties, Mr. Stock felt unable to continue to hold the Secretaryship. Mr. H. W. Remington was therefore elected to the vacancy.

Mr. T. A. Martin was re-elected Treasurer.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, having expressed a desire to retire from the Committee owing to pressure of other engagements his place was filled by Mr. D. V. Stevenson. The remainder of the committee were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. R. Stock was added to their number.

The Committee for 1923, therefore, consists of the following:—Dr. Balean, Messrs. J. P. Braga, H. A. Cartwright, A. G. Coppin, A. S. D. Cowland, W. A. Dowley, D. Harvey, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Dr. Charles Forryth, Messrs. W. Jackson, F. A. Joseph, W. L. Paterson, D. V. Stevenson, R. Stock and L. M. Whyte.

On the proposition of Mr. Love, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pollock, a vote of thanks was returned to Mr. Alabaster for his services during the year, and a similar compliment was paid to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Stock) and to the Hon. Treasurer (Dr. Martin).

COMPANY MEETING.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., was held at St. George's Buildings, yesterday morning. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were also present: The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, A. O. Ling and the Rev. Father Robert (Directors), Mr. A. Keith (Secretary), and the following Shareholders: Messrs. W. J. Stokes, W. J. Hawker, C. H. Lyson, A. Stevenson, Tse Tsan Tai, W. T. Shewan, M. S. Northcote, W. J. Carroll, A. A. Cordeiro, H. Smythe, F. P. de V. Soares, Poon Ngai Cho, Yu Chung She, M. A. Figueiredo, A. S. Ellis, P. M. N. de Silva, M. A. Razack, O. Kitchell and J. M. Alvea.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—With your permission, as the report and accounts have been in your hands for some days, I will take them as read.

In my remarks last year, I said we were beginning to feel the competition of cheap brands of European cement, and we had to contend with this competition throughout the year. Prices have been lower in consequence, so that we have not been able to repeat the record profits made in 1921. The result, however, I trust you will consider satisfactory under all the circumstances. The nett profit, including the sum of \$100,617.50 brought forward from last year amounts to \$1,017,706.58, out of which we have already paid an interim dividend of \$200,000, leaving a balance to the credit of profit and loss account of \$817,706.58, which we recommend be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share \$900,000.00

To place to reserve for new plant 50,000.00

To write off buildings and machinery at our Macao Works, an additional 50,000.00

To donate to War Memorial Hospital 5,000.00

To bonus to staff 14,162.50

To carry forward to credit of next year's account 98,633.68

\$817,706.58

As regard the future I do not care to prophesy, but exchange is in our favour and if it continues to fall, it will be of good assistance to us in competing with brands from Home.

With regard to additional machinery, we went very carefully into this matter and found that since the War, a new type of kiln had come into vogue on the Continent, and we accordingly instructed our works manager, Mr. Arnott, when at home, to look into this before we decided to purchase a rotary kiln. The result is that he recommends our experimenting with these new mechanical grate kilns. Fortunately for us, our present almost obsolete Aalborg kilns can be transformed into these new kilns, and the result of the trial, we anticipate, will be of great benefit to this Company. The cost of erection will be comparatively small as we can then utilize our present Aalborg kilns instead of having to scrap them, and the working cost will be very much less. Our technical advisers see no great difficulty in transforming the "Aalborgs" into mechanical grate kilns, and are sanguine that the results will be favourable. We shall only begin with two "Aalborgs," but we have fourteen, all of which could be converted in time into these new kilns, and so increase the output very considerably; but to convert the whole fourteen would be a very large undertaking and it would probably be years before we could dispose of such an increased quantity of cement.

Increased output means, of course, more grinding and other machinery in proportion and a considerable expenditure of funds, but the whole expenditure will show a very great saving on the cost of the rotary kilns we had intended to order.

The dust collecting plant, owing to circumstances beyond our control, has cost us more than we anticipated (i.e., \$150,000) but I am glad to say it has done what it was expected to do and has eliminated the dust nuisance from the rotary kilns entirely. There now only remains the smoke, and this complaint, although we have already reduced the smoke very considerably by the use of mechanical stokers, will also be entirely removed as soon as we can install electric power instead of steam. From the mechanical grate kilns we are told there will be no dust and the smoke will be negligible.

Our Deep Water Bay works show a small loss, I am sorry to say, owing to the poor demand for pipes last year. As, however, there is a very great demand for ordinary building bricks, we have decided to put up a kiln for making these bricks, as at present prices there should be a fair margin of profit.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice that we gave during last year a sum of \$1,000 to the Swatow Relief Fund, and in the allocation of profits for last year, you will see that we propose to donate a sum of \$5,000 as a contribution to the War Memorial Hospital, which I trust will meet with your approval.

I now propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions that shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

INTERESTING QUESTIONS BY A SHAREHOLDER.

Mr. W. T. Shewan interrogated the Chairman in regard to several questions. Question and answer are given below:—

Mr. W. T. Shewan: Can you tell me anything about lime-stones? Are you getting them in any larger quantities?

The Chairman: Certainly not in larger quantities, owing to the trouble in Kwangtung.

Have you any other sources of supply?—We hope to get some in the New Territories, but we have not got them yet.

Will that make a saving?—Oh, yes, we hope to make a saving if we can work this quarry in the New Territory. We have got some samples and they are very promising.

Nothing very definite yet, then?—Well, it is definite.

Will it make you independent of Canton?—I should not like to say "independent," but it will be a great help to us.

With regard to coal consumption, are you making any economy in that?—You will see that there will be a great economy with these new kilns.

Regarding the coal you use, is there not some talk about using coal dust?—Unless we get these new kilns we know of no other economy, but the new kilns will use a cheaper coal.

REGARDING INVESTMENTS.

What about the land you have got at Hok On? I see that stands on the books at \$100,000. Was that its cost price?—No, it was written up some years ago.

Can you give me any idea of the market value of the land?—No better than you can yourself.

What is its approximate value?—I should think about \$2.50 or \$3 per foot. And it stands in the books at \$11—Yes.

I see you have on fixed deposit about 14 lakhs. Is that not rather much to keep on fixed deposit seeing it is only earning five per cent?—Well, six lakhs will go away in dividend.

Well that will still leave a large amount?—Yes, but we have been keeping that to send to London for the new kilns. We may be wanting it at any time.

Don't you think it would be better if this money were invested in local stocks?—I see several local companies have made large profits from local investment. We cannot gamble in local shares.

I see that the Macao property has been written off another \$50,000. I suppose that is very much below the value of it?—We cannot sell it.

But I suppose it is below the cost of replacement?—Of course these works are obsolete now.

How about this dust plant?—I see there has been some alteration in the system of accounts. Last year you had a special reserve of \$150,000 for it. Now you have altered that and debited it from the cost of buildings and machinery. What was the idea of altering that system instead of leaving it as it was?—Because we have spent that sum. As a matter of fact it was the auditors who instructed us to do it that way.

But does that not seem rather confusing? It would have been better to have left it as it was, don't you think?—I am not going to criticise the auditors. Castle Peak property—you have written that down 10 per cent. That has not depreciated in value, I suppose?—Not that I know of.

What is the idea of this Castle Peak property? Is there any prospect of transferring the factory to Castle Peak?—No, not at all.

Or to any other place?—No, the cost would be enormous.

Well, what is the idea then of keeping the Castle Peak?—We keep it in case of emergencies. We might want it as a depot for stores.

Then I see you have investments at book value \$60,000 and market value \$97,000. Can you tell me what these investments are?—War Bonds.

All War Bonds?—No, not all War Bonds. There is \$10,000 in the Hongkong Government Loan and the rest are Bonds.

Any in local shares?—No. Then I see that Sundry Debtors are at \$428,000. Last year it was only about \$250,000—It varies; it goes on all the time.

It seems rather a large amount. Is it credit you have given?—Yes, in different parts of the world. There are consignments everywhere.

What shipments to different ports?—Yes.

Thank you, that is all.

No further questions were asked and the adoption of the report and accounts was carried.

On the motion of Mr. H. SMYTHE, seconded by Mr. A. STEVENSON, the confirmation of the election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard to the Board of Directors was confirmed and the re-election of Mr. A. O. Ling and the Rev. Father Robert was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. W. J. HAWKER, seconded by Mr. M. A. FIGUEIREDO, Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected as auditors for the ensuing year at a salary of \$750 each. This was all the business before the meeting.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

CHALLENGE SHIELD REPLAY.
(Kick off, 4.15 p.m.)

King's Regt. v. South China.
Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Smith.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

(Kick off, 4.15 p.m.)

H.M.S. Ambrose v. Hongkong Club.
H. K. Club ground. Referee, Mr. Collins.

H.M.S. Titania v. Hongkong Police.
Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Wright.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. Tamar, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Dunnett.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. Durban, Kowloon ground. Referee, Mr. Perryman.

Division II.

(Kick off, 3.45 p.m.)

H.M.S. Durban v. University, Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Cook.

St. Joseph's v. United A.C. St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Blumson.

King's Regt. v. South China "B," Sookunpoo ground. Referee, Mr. Spencer.

H.M.S. Ambrose v. R.G.A., Navy "S" ground. Referee, Mr. Davies.

South China "A" v. Fleet Auxiliaries, South China ground. Referee, Mr. Fairburn.

The match of the week end is undoubtedly the replay in the second round of the Challenge Shield on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo between the King's and South China. The military team are leaving nothing to chance and are confident of entering the semi-final round.

Should Lt. Jones be in shooting form, as he was against Shanghai, the South China defence will find it very trying to keep it from getting too close. Should the inside forwards shoot accurately the score may be heavy against South China.

In the previous game the King's had much more of the play, but their inside forwards were badly in need of shooting practice and Newton did the South China team a good turn when he put the ball into his own goal. The game ended in a draw of one goal each after extra time had been played. In the event of the scores being equal at the end of seventy minutes' play, the teams will play extra ten minutes each way. Should the result then be a draw the teams will probably replay in midweek.

The Kowloon and Durban teams play their return league match at Kowloon to-day. In the shield semi-final the civilians had an unexpected win by five goals to a penalty scored by the Durban. It is unlikely that such a margin will separate the teams to-day at the close of the match, for the sailors will be out to take their revenge for their crushing defeat on the Club ground on New Year's Day. A fast game is expected to end in a division of points.

The R.G.A. and Tamar play their return game on St. Joseph's ground and a fast game should end in a win for the Tamar.

The Titania will not be at full strength in their match to-day against the Police on Navy "A" ground but they should turn out a team to beat the Police who have yet to score their first win in league football this season.

The best game in the Junior league will be seen on the Sookunpoo ground where South China "B" will be out to displace the military team from the second position in the league table. The locals are playing a strong game just now and a win to-day will make them favourites for the Junior division. They have yet to play the leaders, H.M.S. "Hawkins."

The United and St. Joseph's should play a close game and divide the points. The Durban Reserves will be out against the University on the Navy "A" and a well contested game should end in a win for the Students.

The Ambrose and South China "A" should win their games against the R.G.A. and Auxiliaries respectively.

ABSENT FROM WORK WITHOUT NOTICE.

CABLE JOINERS SENT TO PRISON.

Eighteen of the twenty cable joiners formerly in the employ of the Chinese and Japanese Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., appeared at the Magistracy, yesterday morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, charged with absconding themselves from their employers' service without due notice. After hearing the evidence the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$20 each with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. In the afternoon these men having failed to pay their fines were sentenced to one month's imprisonment. Two of the 20 put forward the excuse that they had been dismissed by the manager, and a further trial of these two was fixed for 11.30 o'clock this morning.

Mr. H. L. Denny appeared on behalf of the Company, and the defendants were unrepresented by solicitors.



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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1923. [438]

NOTICE

THOS. COOK & SON give Notice that if the Fifteen Packages Deposited in their Godown on 18th August, 1920 by Mrs. G. BONNARDEL, are not Claimed and Charges Paid by 30th April, 1923, the Packages will be SOLD to defray Expenses. [439]

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THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

NEXT TERM begins on MONDAY, MARCH 5th, at 8.30 A.M. All NEW BOYS should see the Bursar, Mr. S. E. FORMAN, and pay Fees between the hours of 8.30 and 10.30 A.M. on SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, during which time Parents and Guardians can see the Headmaster. The EXAMINATION for NEW BOYS will be at 10.30 A.M. on SATURDAY. The attention of Parents and Guardians is directed to the fact that delay in returning after the holidays and in sending New Boys is injurious both to the Boys and to the School. Applications will be received and further information supplied by the Bursar, The DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, Hongkong. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, Headmaster. [437]

POSTAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 509.

EXAMINATION FOR CLERKS.

NOTIFICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Examination for Appointment of Clerks at a commencing Monthly Salary of HK. \$45—\$67.50 will be held on or about the 8th MARCH Next at the Postal District Head Office, Canton.

Only applicants possessing Certificates of Qualification from a School will be qualified to sit in the Examination. A good knowledge of English and Chinese is essential. Those desiring to compete in the Examination must send in at an early date their applications in English giving particulars of place of Birth, Age, Past Career, Present Address and School from which they have graduated and forwarding copy of the Certificate they held. Testimonials from present employers should also accompany applications from those who have been in business since leaving school.

Candidates whose applications are considered satisfactory will be called to this office for an interview and only those considered as suitable will be called for the Examination and informed of the exact date thereof.

F. B. TOLLIDAY,
Postal Commissioner for Kwangtung.
Post Office, Canton, 21st February, 1923. [440]

HUGO STINNES LINEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "CARL LEGIEN" having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after March 3rd, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on March 3rd, 1923, at 10 A.M. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. All Claims must reach us before the 10th March, 1923, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

HETTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, February 24th, 1923. [438]

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1923.

FEBRUARY 28th, MARCH 1st, 2nd AND 3rd.

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H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1923. [396]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF ADMISSION TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE are now ready and may be obtained from Messrs. LINTSEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. ALL BADGES MUST BE PRODUCED TO GAIN ADMISSION.
H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1923. [397]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

UNDER the New Arrangements the Entrance to the Public Enclosure will be from the Gate at the Wongschoong end of the Course. There will be a Ladies' Room, Refreshment Room, Bar and Stand No. 11 as well as separate Pari-mutuel for those using the Public Enclosure. The Cash Sweep will be at the End of the Public Enclosure next to the Weighing Room.

The Entrance for Members and those holding Tickets for Members' Enclosure will be at the Middle Gate. Tiffin and Refreshments will be served every day in the Jockey Club Stand, Tables for which can be reserved at Wiseman's.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [427]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES FOR SERVANTS will be issued on application to Messrs. LINTSEAD & DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servant's Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.
H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [432]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. A limited number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINTSEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings on or before TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.

PRICE:—\$10.00 Per day or \$50.00 for the Meeting.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1923. [395]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the Presence of the LADIES At the Races.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1923. [433]

PEAK CHURCH.

TO meet the Needs of the Peak Residents NEXT SUNDAY, there will be Services in the PEAK CHURCH, at 8.15 A.M., 11 A.M. and 6 P.M. [429]

DANCING.

PALACE HOTEL, KOWLOON.

The Popular JAZZ QUARTET

H.M.S. Trixie

Will play at the above Hotel on SATURDAY, 24th, Dancing 9 P.M. [430]

LEO LONGINOTTO (DECEASED).

ALL CLAIMS in respect of the Estate of the above, or of any Goods or Chattels now stored on Premises recently occupied by the above, should be sent to me not later than MARCH 7th Next.
G. N. ORME,
Official Receiver.
February 22nd, 1923. [431]

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.

Stop across to the

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY the 24th FEBRUARY, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 December, 1922.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, 19th February, to Saturday, 24th February 1923 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of The Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1923. [320]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE THIRD NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on TUESDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 17th February, 1923, until Tuesday, 27th February, 1923, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1923. [354]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

OPENING OF NEW PAVILION.

THE President and Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club will be "At Home" to the Members and Subscribers at 1 P.M. on SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, to celebrate the Opening of the New Pavilion.
By Order,
E. J. R. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
[438]

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

TRAFFIC on the PEAK TRAMWAY will be SUSPENDED from 1 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, 28th INSTANT for a Period of Eight Days or thereabouts in order to carry out certain repairs to the Haulage Machinery. Season Ticket Holders will have the option of getting their Tickets extended for the Whole Period cars cease running or obtaining a Pro-Rata refund on such Tickets for the Unexpired Period.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1923. [401]

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

DURING the SUSPENSION of the PEAK TRAMWAY SERVICE, MOTOR BUSES WILL BE RUN between the Hongkong Hotel and the Peak Church, leaving either end at the following Times:—
8 A.M. to 10 A.M., Every 20 Minutes.
10 A.M. to 6 P.M., " 30 " "
6 P.M. to 8 P.M., " 20 " "
8 P.M. to Midnight, " 30 " "
FARE—50 Cents.
E. W. ALDERSON,
Assistant General Manager,
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.
[402]

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, at 8.15 P.M. at the THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

15 ROUND CONTEST FOR THE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY AND THE "GODDARD" BELT:

A. R. CHADWICK, v. Stoker P. O. MORGAN
H.M.S. Marston, v. H.M.S. Hawkins,
and

15 ROUND CONTEST FOR THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY AND THE "DAILY PRESS" BELT:

A. B. DUNCAN, v. Pte. Ainsworth,
H.M.S. Magnolia, v. R.M.L.

4 SIX-ROUND CONTESTS.

BOOKING AT BOXING:

Members—Monday, February 26th.
General Public—from Tuesday, 27th. [418]

PROGRESSIVE SERIES OF PIANO LESSONS.

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ESTABLISHED 81 YEARS.

DEATH.

ANDERSON.—In England, on February 21st, Captain R. Y. ANDERSON, of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., aged 63 years. (By cable.) [441]

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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 24th, 1923.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT.

There was a small paragraph at the bottom of one of the columns in yesterday's issue of the *Daily Press*, which, perhaps, deserved greater prominence. It mentioned that the Recorder at the Old Bailey (London) last month commented on the fact that, though the calendar was a long one, there was not a single case of robbery with violence. This, he believed, was due to the fact that condign punishment had been meted out to such offenders. The "cat" could be inflicted in very few cases, he said, and apparently it was the one thing that ruffians feared. In Hongkong, as every reader is aware, robberies with violence by armed men are now a very common occurrence. In two cases at the Criminal Sessions this week ruffians have been committed for this offence to five years' imprisonment with hard labour. The Chief Justice, in one of the cases, remarked on the fact that there had been a large number of persons in the Colony in possession of arms who had no right to be armed at all, and that the problem was one which had caused a considerable amount of concern to the authorities. We trust that the severity of the sentences imposed by the Judges in Criminal Sessions, and the punishment imposed by the Magistrates on persons found in unlawful possession of arms is having a deterrent effect on this grave menace to public security, but there are many among the older residents of the Colony, who argue from past experience that if these sentences were supplemented

by "the cat" they might prove still more effective. The remarks by the Recorder at the Old Bailey recently are very pertinent to the circumstances in Hongkong at the present time, for the Chinese ruffian is no less shy of "the cat" than is the ruffian in any other country. These so-called "waves of crime" are constantly recurring in Hongkong, and we are afraid this one will take a long time in passing. Formerly the weapons of the armed Chinese robbers were the dagger and the knife. Now they have revolvers and Mauser pistols, and in view of the fact that the Chinese in the disturbed territories adjacent to the Colony are armed much more generally now than they have ever been before, and thousands of people come into the Colony daily from those territories, it is manifestly impossible for the police to entirely prevent violations of the law of the Colony in regard to unlawful possession of, or illicit traffic in, arms. We may well marvel at the revelations which are made from time to time in the Magistrates' Courts as to the extent of the police successes in this connection, but they indicate to us at the same time the astonishing scale on which the illicit traffic in arms is going on. This is one of the matters in which co-operation between the Government of the Colony and the Administration at Canton would manifestly be to the advantage of both, for Canton and almost every part of the province of which it is the capital suffers to a far greater degree from the operations of the armed robber than does Hongkong. Thousands of men have been armed for military purposes in Kwangtung during the past decade, and when there has been disbandment of any body of troops no effective measures seem to have been taken to secure the return to the armoury of all the arms issued. In the larger scheme of disbandment which Dr. SUN YAT SEN proposes to initiate this grave mistake will need to be guarded against most carefully, and measures should at the same time be taken to stop the sale of ammunition to all except those who are duly licensed to carry arms. When Canton more closely follows Hongkong's example in this respect—imposing severe sentences on those who are found to be unlawfully in possession of arms, and subjecting persons guilty of armed robberies to the heaviest punishment known to Chinese law—we may expect to see fewer crimes of this character in Hongkong, and greater security of life and property in the adjoining province.

The French cruiser *Vider Hugo* was visiting Manila last week.

Two cases of diphtheria, and one of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese, were reported in the Colony on Thursday.

On one day last week the Manila police arrested 103 persons,—Filipinos, Chinese and Americans—for violation of the gambling law.

There is a possibility that about 650 of the Russian refugees from the ships of Admiral Stark's fleet will be sent from Manila on a transport as emigrants to the United States.

Lieut. W. J. Humphrey, M.C., 2nd King's Regt., has been appointed A.D.C. to the G.O.C., from March 1st, 1923, vice Lieut. C. S. Fisher, M.C., R.G.A., who is posted to 94th Co. R.G.A.

Copies of the Music which was specially composed by Mr. Eric Rice for the A.D.C.'s recent production of "The Tempest" are now for sale at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh and at Messrs. Anderson's Music Stores at \$2 per copy.

The men of the United States Navy at Manila entertained the men of the visiting British Squadron to a dinner and a dance at Lerma Cabaret on the night of the 17th inst. and further entertainment of the kind had been arranged.

Capt. E. R. G. Evans, the Antarctic explorer, who until recently was in command of H.M.S. *Caird* on the China Station joined the sloop *Harbell* last month at Home to take command of that vessel and as captain in charge of patrols.

Property valued at \$218 was stolen by four armed men from the house in Archer Road, Yau-mat, which was robbed on Thursday. It will be remembered that one of the robbers was shot and killed by police in Shanghai Road when making his escape shortly afterwards.

Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are reminded of the annual meeting which takes place at the City Hall at noon to-day.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson was entertained at Luncheon on the 18th by the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands enabling the Admiral to meet many of the leading Government officials of the Island. The Admiral and Lady Leveson and daughters had dined the previous evening with the Governor-General and at Malacanang Palace.

Two Chinese were charged on remand at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon with robbing the occupants of two rickshaws in the Lai-chikok Road, Shamsuipo, on February 13th, and robbing a pedestrian on the same road. It was stated in evidence that when the men were arrested they were found sleeping in a bathroom at No. 491, Reclamation Road, Yau-mat. They were found to be in possession of certain of the stolen property, and also a revolver. In the dock the defendants kept up a whispered conversation, and kept on smiling at one another. They were committed to Criminal Sessions.

THE OPERA CO.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

If there were many in the Colony who had never witnessed a performance of the comic opera "Merrie England," written by Basil Hood and composed by Edward German, there could have been few who have not been often charmed by selections from the music of the opera. "Merrie England" in all respects, ranks with the finest of the Gilbert and Sullivan productions, and it was not surprising to see every seat in the Theatre occupied last night to witness its production by the J. C. Williamson Co. It is safe to say that no one left the theatre disappointed. With Miss Christine Lorimar as Queen Elizabeth, Mr. Gordon Crocker as Sir Walter Raleigh, Mr. John Ralston as The Earl of Essex, Miss Beryl Walkely as the witch, Miss Grace Crotty as the May Queen, Miss Elsie Coram as the maid of honour, and Mr. Charles Workman and Mr. Victor Prince in the comic roles of Wilkins and Simkins, those who have enjoyed many of the other operas in the series and missed this one—certainly one of the best—will recognise that it was a costly fully capable of doing the opera justice. The songs and dances were enthusiastically applauded and most of them had to be partly repeated. Delightful music; the old English atmosphere of the opera and its effective stage settings combined to leave the audience charmed by the whole production.

The Company bring their very successful season to a close to-night by a grand variety performance, and they leave for Shanghai by the *Dongola* to-morrow.

READY "TO FIGHT, DRUNK OR SOBER."

A COLOURED MAN'S DEFENCE.

A big coloured man was found by the police in Spring Garden Lane on Tuesday night laying about rickshaws and pedestrians with a stick. He was "fighting drunk," and was arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. At the Magistracy yesterday morning he gave his name as William Lewis, and stated that he was an unemployed chauffeur. He alleged that the people he was hitting had defrauded him, and said to the Magistrate (Mr. J. B. Wood): "I won't let no man do me down; I'd fight him drunk or sober, and I don't mind the fine."

Inspector Blackman proved a previous conviction against Lewis for a similar offence. A fine of \$20 was imposed, defendant being given the alternative of a month's imprisonment.

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

An Examination for the Certificate of "Inspector of Nuisances" was held locally in December last, the Members of the Board of Examiners being: Dr. J. T. O. Johnson (P.O.M.O.), Chairman; Dr. W. W. Poarse (M.O.H.); Mr. J. E. Mackenzie (Col. Vet. Surgeon); Sir Eric Smart Taylor, Mr. E. Ralph (Secretary). There were seven candidates, of whom the following were successful:—Henry Lane Lockhart, Francis Aslett, Martin Thomas Horton Blake, Eldred Jane and Ernest Savage.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

REPORTS FROM THE RUHR.

A HINT AS TO FRENCH AIMS.

LONDON, February 22nd.

A hint as to French aims in the Ruhr area is given in Paris messages suggesting that the Ruhr operations may be made the starting point of negotiations which may result in a new treaty, supplementing the Versailles Treaty. The most definite suggestion made is contained in an article in the *Echo de Paris*, written by M. Pertinax, on the Franco-Belgian conversations in Paris. The article foreshadows the ultimate transformation of the Franco-Belgian administration in the Ruhr area, where civilians are now managing the railways, into a veritable international administration, and refers to the "possibility of an additional treaty being entered into by France, Belgium and perhaps Italy, with the Berlin Government, at the conclusion of the Ruhr enterprise. The hope is expressed that this treaty will receive the signatures of the other Allies."

EARLIER CABLES.

PROHIBITION OF GERMAN MINISTERS.

BERLIN, February 22nd.

A message from Essen states that General Depoutre has instructed the police and other authorities in the Ruhr to arrest any German Minister contravening the order not to enter the occupied zone, and bring him before the military court, otherwise sanctions, such as the punishment of the towns concerned, will be applied.

A message from Gelsenkirchen states that the hundred million marks collected by the French was composed of 83 million municipal emergency currency and 17 million from the railway treasury, but the municipal currency is out of circulation and the public have been warned against accepting it.

FRENCH CIVILIAN MANHANDLED.

BOCHUM, February 22nd.

While French troops with a tank were occupying the law courts a crowd looted, whereupon a young soldier lost his hat and unprovokedly fired point blank at the yards distance. He killed one workman and seriously wounded two others. The enraged people manhandled a French civilian, who was rescued by the police.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS REGARDING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

PARIS, February 22nd.

The *Echo National* states that the Cabinet has decided to reopen negotiations with the Soviet Government, and a mission will be despatched a month hence.

PARIS, February 22nd.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs denies that it is shortly contemplated they will resume diplomatic relations with Russia. There is no question of despatching a political mission thither.

U.S. SHIP SUBSIDY.

FILIBUSTERING TACTICS CONTINUED.

WASHINGTON, February 22nd.

Continuing the filibustering tactics, Senator Gooding spoke for seventy minutes on the stabilization of wheat prices. Mr. McKellar followed on a number of topics, his sole auditor being the Republican, Senator Jones, who is in charge of the Bill. In commemoration of Washington's birthday, Mr. Glass took up the filibustering scheme, reading Washington's farewell address.

DEBT FUNDING.

RATIFICATION ADOPTED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, February 22nd.

The House of Representatives has ratified the Anglo-American debt settlement Bill. The British bonds under the debt settlement will be of the largest denominations ever issued from the Bureau of Engraving. The greatest will probably be for a billion dollars.

WASHINGTON, February 22nd. The House of Representatives has adopted Senate amendments to the debt settlement Bill, of which the principal provides for Congressional instead of Presidential approval in settlements with other nations.

DIPLOMATIC LIQUOR AND A DIPLOMATIC STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, February 22nd.

Secretary Mellon has informed the House of Representatives that it is incompatible with public interest to disclose the amount of liquor imported by foreign diplomatic representatives.

LATEST CABLES.

SPURIOUS BILLS AND SPECIE.

U.S. FLOODED BY HUGE INTERNATIONAL GANG.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

New York, February 22nd.

International developments are expected to arise owing to the arrests in New York of many members of a huge counterfeiting organisation which has flooded the United States with spurious bills and specie. The Authorities state that arrests were also made at Liverpool, Hamburg, Naples, Havana, France, Austria and Egypt.

REPORT DENIED REGARDING FRENCH BLACK TROOPS.

WARDEN (Rhine), Feb. 22nd.

A visit here and to the town of Velbert confirms the presence of French colonial troops, including a small proportion of coloured soldiers, but there are no black troops.

[A cable message published yesterday from Essen stated that the burgomasters of Kuppferdreh, Warden and Velbert had reported the arrival of black troops at those places.]

IRISH REBELLION.

REPORTED ARREST OF IRREGULAR LEADERS.

LONDON, February 22nd.

Important arrests of irregulars were made this morning, as the result of a raid by Free State detectives in the Dublin suburb of Drumcondra.

The names of those captured have not been disclosed but it is said that they include prominent Republicans, amongst whom is Sean Fitz Patrick, acting commander of the Dublin Brigade of Irregulars.

A rumour to the effect that De Valera and Liam Lynch were among those captured is unconfirmed.

EARLIER CABLES.

CHALDEAN TEMPLE FOUND.

BUILT 3,000 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22nd.

Sir Frederic Kenyon, director of the British Museum, who is at present touring the United States, has received news of the discovery by the joint expedition of the British Museum and the University of Pennsylvania of the ancient temple in the Chaldean city of Ur, built three thousand years before Christ, and repaired by Nebuchadnezzar.

THE CANADIAN FIRES.

HIGHER INSURANCE RATES FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

MONTREAL, February 22nd.

As the result of the recent suspicious fires the insurance companies have cancelled all policies with regard to churches, schools and religious institutions in Canada, and have instructed their agents to renew the policies at new rates, representing increases of 32 to 50 per cent.

NEW FRENCH PRESIDENT.

SENATE ELECTS M. DOUMERVUE.

PARIS, February 22nd.

M. Doumergue has been elected President of the Senate by 142 to 133 votes. The latter were cast for M. De Selves, ex-Prefect of the Seine.

PRINCE GEORGE'S ILLNESS.

ANOTHER MINOR OPERATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL.

LONDON, February 22nd.

Prince George has undergone a further operation at Buckingham Palace, this morning, of a minor character, and it was quite successful.

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

MR. JOYNSON HICKS' REPORT ADOPTED.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The executive council of the Empire Exhibition has adopted Mr. Joynton Hicks' report.

THE DAVIS CUP.

IRELAND ISSUES A CHALLENGE.

LONDON, February 22nd.

Ireland has challenged for the Davis Cup.

ARGENTINE LOANS.

BUENOS AIRES, February 22nd.

The Government has submitted to Congress a Bill for a foreign loan of 150 million gold pesos at six per cent, at 92, and an internal loan of 700 million paper pesos, to consolidate the country's floating debt.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE "LIBON MARY" IN COLLISION.

STEAMER REACHED.

BERLIN, February 23rd.

A message from Hamburg states that the Japanese steamer *Libon Mary* collided off Ouxhaven with the British steamer *Elwick*. The latter was beached in a sinking condition, with water in the engine-room.

P. & O. SHIPBUILDING PROJECT.

MORE VESSELS FOR THE EASTERN TRADE.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The *Manchester Guardian* says it is understood that the Peninsular and Orient Company intend building four 18,000 ton ships for passenger service to Australia via Suez, the completion of which will release ships of the M. type for service in India and the East. The contracts for the new ships have not yet been placed as it is understood they will be an improvement on the Mongolia type, and it is desired to obtain all the data possible from the maiden voyage of the *Moldavia*, which has just been completed with great success.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CONFERENCE.

BRITISH PORTION OF BOXER INDEMNITY.

SHANGHAI, February 22nd.

The Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong has passed a resolution welcoming the intention of the British Government to devote the outstanding portion of the Boxer Indemnity to purposes mutually beneficial to China and Great Britain. The Conference is of opinion that the funds can be most usefully applied to the education of Chinese on British lines. The Conference will be glad to see Hongkong University placed in a position to meet the financial obligations likely to be placed upon it. The Conference also regards as essential the education of Chinese women on Western lines.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

U.S. MINISTER'S INDICTMENT OF CHINA.

THE COUNTRY'S HOPE.

PEKING, February 22nd.

Dr. Schurman, the American Minister, speaking at the American Association dinner, recalled that last year the Washington Conference had just finished, and that in the interval most of its provisions have been put into effect, but there has been no progress in connection with the withdrawal of extraterritoriality. The commission of jurists which should have been appointed for this purpose within three months after the Conference have not yet been appointed, due to the request for delay by China. He hoped that this commission would be constituted without delay, so that this question, which was of such vital importance to foreign nationals, would be settled. The Powers represented at Washington desired that China should develop an effective and stable Government, but during the past year China has made no progress in this regard. There has been no disarmament of troops, of which there are probably 1,200,000, of whom only about 10 per cent. are under the control of the Peking Government. There are also some hundreds of thousands of brigands between whom and the soldiery it is hard to make a distinction. Banditry, which has increased, has reached alarming proportions. There has been no progress towards unification, and the country is more than ever divided. There has been no progress in financial rehabilitation, and public debt and foreign and domestic debts are alike unpaid. As regards stability, there were no less than seven Premiers last year. The country's hope lay in the honest and industrious population, who have always accepted the leadership of the educated classes, in which he included traders and bankers, as well as the graduates. To these we must look for the establishment of a more effective and stable Government, while foreign nations could help by their goodwill, sympathy, and rendering such service as China might ask.

(Continued on next column.)

LARGE PROFITS.

QUESTION OF A SPECIAL SURTAX.

LONDON, February 22nd.

In the House of Commons, questioned as to whether he was prepared to introduce legislation to secure for the State a portion of large profits like the Imperial Tobacco Company's, Mr. Baldwin said a special surtax would be a matter for argument and would be raised at the forthcoming Budget debate.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN LOAN PROJECT.

[BY COURTESY OF THE HONGKONG CONSUL.]

The Finance Committee of the American Senate unanimously rejected the German demand for a loan of one million dollars to purchase goods in the United States.

A JAPANESE LOAN FOR SEVENTY MILLION YEN.

TOKYO, February 22nd.

The *Gazette* officially announces that the Government proposes on March 5th to issue a loan amounting to Yen 70,000,000, which will be redeemable on September 1st, 1929.

The issue price will be 92.25, and the interest five per cent. The proceeds of the loan will be devoted to the extension of various public enterprises, including communications.

EXPORT OF RIFLES FROM KOREA.

SEOUL, February 22nd.

A wholesale and unauthorised export of rifles to China is alleged to have been discovered by the police in Korea recently. A steamship was found to be in a bad condition off the coast, and the police sent to the rescue discovered many thousand rifles concealed on board the vessel, which was en route to Tsingtao. The rifles were of the Japanese military pattern. The officials are investigating the affair.

MAILS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND FAR EAST.

SHANGHAI, February 22nd.

The Conference of the associated British Chambers of Commerce has passed a resolution urging an improvement in the mail services between Great Britain and the Far East.

RUINED BY NOT ADVERTISING.

DAY AND MARTIN.

The business of Day and Martin, whose blacking was used by Sam Weller to polish Mr. Pickwick's boots, is, after more than a century and a half, to pass into other hands. The shareholders were asked at a meeting on January 18th to pass a resolution consenting to the sale of the business.

"I am perfectly convinced that if only Day and Martin's had advertised their wares during the last quarter of a century the old firm would not be in the plight that it is today."

This statement was made by Mr. Burlison, manager for the once famous house of Day and Martin, to a *Daily Express* representative on January 9th. "There is no doubt," Mr. Burlison continued, "because when in 1896 the firm became a limited company no definite policy regarding advertising was adopted. Those who were then in charge even went so far as to hinder progress and development by placing on the market new polishes under unknown names, and the origin of the modern wares never became known to the public."

"How many people are aware that Day and Martin's has ever manufactured anything but the blacking which went partly out of use in 1896 when chrome leather was adapted for footwear? Nevertheless all these years we have been selling polishes and up-to-date cleaning materials that are just as excellent as the many now better known ones on the market. Even now, if the necessary capital could be obtained, I am convinced that by means of a systematic campaign of advertising, hard though it is to re-instate the popularity of a firm whose name has been gradually dying, the ancient business of Day and Martin could once more be made to flourish."

"Those who conducted the business in its earlier years—it was founded as long ago as 1770—were not so negligent in the matter of advertising. I have in my possession a proof of an advertisement that appeared in the *Courier* in 1805. As late as 1857 sandwich men dressed up as smart footmen used to be sent into the fashionable boot-shops to inquire if the proper blacking was being used. Famous literary men in the past century were not shy of advertising Day and Martin's in their books. Dickens loved to refer to it whenever possible because he hated the firm of Warren, where he worked when a boy. Carlyle, George Elliot, Hood, and Bret Harte all immortalised the firm's name."

"We have never altered, although we have improved, the recipe of the founder, a Doncaster hairdresser. Molasses, treacle, vinegar, and many other queer ingredients are contained in the famous blacking."

Day and Martin's have a capital of £282,000 in Ordinary and Preference shares. There are 1,500 shareholders.

BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

T. S. LEUNG WING SEMI-FINAL.

In the semi-final of the Billiards Championship of Hongkong, played at the V.R.C. last night, Mr. T. S. Leung defeated Mr. M. Tsang by 163 points in 750. At 300 the contestants were level, but from thence on to 500 Tsang had decidedly the better of the game, the scoring board showing Tsang 500, Leung 350. The latter, however, was by no means discouraged and, with a succession of fine breaks soon overhauled Tsang who had only reached 528 on the conclusion of the game. The highest breaks were: Leung 42, 40, 37, 34, 33, 32, 30. Tsang 38, 37, 33, 31, 31.

Mr. Henry Dix, a millionaire cotton dress manufacturer in the U.S.A., has turned his business valued at \$200,000 over to his employees. He has also loaned them \$20,000 without interest, and offered to give his services as an employee, without salary, should the new concern need his assistance.

POISON IN GAS.

DANGERS OF CARBON MONOXIDE.

In view of a recent case in Hongkong, the letter in *The Times* on this subject from Professor Bone will not be without interest:—

"The recent tragedy at Bethel Green, to which your leading article of January 4th referred, surely makes the demand irresistible for a new inquiry into the danger of the present unrestricted admittance of water-gas in domestic gas supplies."

It may be recalled that, according to the evidence given at the inquest, three persons (father, mother, and son) were poisoned in their sleep by gas which, escaping from a fractured mainpipe in the roadway outside, had percolated into the house, although no gas-service at all was laid on to it. The poisonous constituent of gas is carbon monoxide, which is not only colourless and odourless, but also extremely lethal and injurious to health. A straight coal gas contains no more than .7 or .8 per cent of it, which, in all ordinary circumstances, may be considered as a not very dangerous proportion; but blue water-gas which is now-a-days so frequently mixed therewith at the gasworks, contains between 42 and 45 per cent of it—a highly dangerous proportion."

The Fuel Research Board's Report upon Gas Standards (1919), besides recommending the "therm" as the future basis of gas charges, suggested that "the natural diluent for coal gas is water-gas"; and subsequently, the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade in 1921, under the Gas Regulation Act of 1920, arrived at the truly amazing conclusion that it was inexpedient to impose any limitation upon the proportion of carbon monoxide in public gas supplies. This high death roll for gas poisoning during the year 1922, culminating in the recent Bethel Green tragedy, is surely a sufficient comment upon the folly of that decision."

Will not some public-spirited member of Parliament take up the matter when the House reassembles? In the first place, a complete Parliamentary return should be obtained of the number and precise circumstances of all cases of gas poisoning throughout Great Britain during the year ending December 31st last, discriminating between accidental deaths and suicides. Upon this should then be based a demand for a public inquiry into the whole question of gas, a special Committee composed entirely of disinterested persons, and including the best available scientific (chemical, physiological, and technical) so that the various witnesses may be properly cross-examined, and their evidence weighed by a really competent tribunal."

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that the matter hardly comes within the scope of the Therm Committee's present inquiry, which, unfortunately, seems to be diverting public attention from the really vital issues concerning gas. No well-informed person wants to upset the present "therm" system, provided that for the future it is coupled with a reasonably high volumetric thermal standard, of (say) not less than 500 B.T.U.'s per cubic foot. The "therm" is a most innocent and estimable youth, of pious parentage and upbringing, who has unfortunately been turned loose into a particularly wicked world without knowing the difference between a ten and an ace. It is to be hoped that the Committee now charged with his interests will be able to show him how easily "evil communications corrupt good manners."

At an inquest at Stepney on January 17th on a man who had committed suicide by placing a piece of gas tubing in his mouth, the medical witness gave it as his opinion that, judging from the appearance of the body, the gas contained too much carbon monoxide.

The Coroner (Dr. B. L. Guthrie).—With pure gas it would be much more difficult, if not nearly impossible, to commit suicide!

The witness: Yes, it would be much more difficult. Carbon monoxide produces unconsciousness very quickly.

The Coroner: So the gas companies are in fact laying on to our houses a very virulent poison.—Yes.

WOMAN AS MARINE ENGINEER.

FIVE MONTHS' TRIP TO AUSTRALIA.

Miss Victoria Drummond, the first woman to go to sea as a working engineer on a steamer, arrived at Liverpool on January 11th on the Blue Funnel liner *Arcturion* after a five months' voyage to Australia. She is the daughter of Captain Malcolm and the Hon. Mr. Drummond, of Megginch, Forfarshire, grand-daughter of the first Lord Amherst of Hackney, and a god-daughter of Queen Victoria. Miss Drummond never had a day's illness during the voyage and regularly attended to her duties. She had no mishap, and did not even bark her shin, as do most male engineers. Asked if she had been disillusioned by her first sea trip, she said she had liked the experience better than she thought she was anxious to continue her seagoing career. She wears a blue uniform, with skirt, gold braid on coat, and a peaked hat. She formerly served in the shore staff of the Blue Funnel Line engineering department, and learned the theory of her profession with the engineering department of the Caledonian Shipbuilding and Sea-Engineering Company, Dundee.

AMERICAN CABLE NEWS.

The following Associated Press cables are taken from the Manila papers:—

RUBBER POSSIBILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, February 15th.

The Department of Commerce to-day asked congress through the budget bureau for an appropriation of \$500,000 to survey rubber production, conditions and possibilities in South America and the Philippine Islands. One hundred thousand dollars would be allotted to the Department of Agriculture for experimenting. No plans were announced regarding the time or personnel of the survey.

"TUSCAN PRINCE" MISSING.

SAMOA, February 15th.

A radiogram to-day from Estevan wireless station failed to mention the steamer *Tuscan Prince*, which was said to have been wrecked at the entrance to Puget Sound. The last definite word from the vessel said she was sinking. The wrecker *Algeria* started to-day from Victoria to search for the missing steamer. Wireless calls to *Prince*, asking her position, failed to get a response this afternoon.

SHARP DECLINES IN SUGAR MARKET.

NEW YORK, February 15th.

There were further sharp declines early to-day in the raw sugar market following the selling orders which it was impossible to handle at yesterday's minimum price. A decline of fifty six to seventy three points carried May contracts to 4.65 which was one hundred and seventy-five points below the high mark reached in the recent buying.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 15th.

President Harding definitely informed senators to-day that he would veto any ship subsidy bill containing provisions for government aid, contingent upon annual appropriations by Congress.

ANTI-EPIDEMIC MEASURES IN FAR-EASTERN PORTS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS INQUIRY.

The Monthly Summary of the League of Nations for November last, which has recently come to hand from the Secretariat, contains the following reference to this subject:—

The League of Health Organisation has sent one of its members, Dr. Norman White, to conduct a health inquiry in the chief ports of the Far East, such as Colombo, Singapore, Batavia, Bangkok, Saigon, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Kure, Kobe, Yokohama, Vladivostok, Dairen. The precise object of the inquiry is to ascertain the incidence of the more important epidemic diseases, the methods employed for the notification of cases and deaths, for the control of the diseases, for the prevention of the spread of infection by ships, as well as the possibility of securing uniformity in the methods of collecting and publishing information and of making it speedily and readily accessible.

The Council of the League, in accepting the Health Committee's recommendation on this matter, made at the instance of Dr. Miyajima, its Japanese member, pointed out that the propagation of epidemics in the Far East was of particular concern to the Asiatic Members of the League, and that the sanitary condition of this part of the world was, moreover, a matter that greatly interested all other countries. The Governments of all the States concerned have promised to give every assistance to this inquiry, whose results may lead to the adoption of additional preventative measures and ultimately to closer co-ordination of the efforts of the various health administrations.

Dr. Norman White's mission is expected to last about six months.

TELEPHONE MANNERS.

The telephone service in most places has been subject to a deal of abuse, but it is not often that we see raised the question of telephone etiquette, the question of a definite code of procedure to be followed by all telephone users. Mr. J. M. Keynes, the economist, at present apparently deep in another exposure of politicians' incompetence, has raised this question in a letter to a London journal. "At no time during the day," he protests, "can I rely on a quarter of an hour's uninterrupted work. Any unaccounted person who finds it easier to ring up than to write a postcard, any business man making up her party, any American tourist to these shores who thinks he would like a word with me, is entitled by the existing conventions, and is able, suddenly and at any hour, to interrupt my business and make me attend to theirs." Mr. Keynes outlines three principles of a proposed code of telephone manners thus:—To ring up a private house in any case in which a postcard or a letter would do equally well should be thought inconsiderate; a stranger should have no more right to use the telephone of a private house than to open the front door; it should be bad manners, except among intimate friends, to issue an invitation on the telephone, which gives the guest no time, without apparent rudeness on his part, to consider whether he is really free, and whether he wants to accept. There must be many others who have suffered in a similar manner to Mr. Keynes and would welcome the adoption of some such principles as those outlined. As, however, it is not everybody who endures mental anguish from the inability to ring up at any moment, an Indian contemporary suggests that a suitable distinction might be made: the numbers of all those who desire their telephone used sparingly and only on occasions of moment might be starred in the telephone directory.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 22nd.

Drufar, Norwegian str., 1,103 tons, Capt. Nils. Hjorth, from Bangkok, with rice.—J.M. & Co.

Iyo Maru, Japanese str., 3,697 tons, Capt. B. Saito, from Seattle and Manila, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

February 23rd.

Hanyang, British str., from Canton.

Helios, Chinese str., from Canton.

Heijun Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

Wanchung, British str., from Canton.

Talamban, Dutch str., 1,030 tons, Capt. P. Schaap, from Balikpapan, with oil.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

Winget Maru, Japanese str., 903 tons, Capt. S. Okawa, from Keelung, with coal.—Mitsui & Co.

Yuna Maru, Japanese schooner, 913 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Takao, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

Banning, British str., from Canton.

Kai Sang, British str., from Canton.

Toku Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

CLEARANCES.

February 23rd.

Ungtun, for Foochow.

Ungtun, for Canton.

Ungtun, for Saigon.

Ungtun, for Keelung.

Ungtun, for Ningpo.

Ungtun, for Canton.

Ungtun, for Shanghai.

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Ungtun, for Shanghai.

Ungtun, for Canton.

Ungtun, for Banka.

Ungtun, for Pukhoi.

Ungtun, for Bangkok.

Ungtun, for Manila.

Ungtun, for Quinboon.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Afrika (East Asiatic Co.), due Feb. 26th.

Ayu Maru (N.Y.K.), due February 27th.

Bellerophon (Blue Funnel), due Mar. 2nd.

Chit (East Asiatic Co.), due Mar. 26th.

Deucalion (Blue Funnel), due March 10th.

Dynagora (P. & O.), due today.

Eurygates (Blue Funnel), due today.

Fushan Maru (N.Y.K.), due Feb. 26th.

Gabaria, due Feb. 27th, a.m.

Havensley (Blue Funnel), due March 22nd.

India (East Asiatic Co.), due Mar. 10th.

Izumi (Blue Funnel), due March 13th.

Manchester (Doddwell & Co. Line), due March 14th.

Peleus (Blue Funnel), due today.

Portos (M.M.), due March 2nd.

President Lincoln (Pacific Mail), due today.

President Taft (Pacific Mail), due March 4th.

Priam (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.

Pyrrhus (Blue Funnel), due March 15th.

Victoria (China-Australia Steamship Co.), due today.

Wakasa Maru (N.Y.K.), due Feb. 26th.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—25th February, 1923, 2nd Sunday in Lent.

Holy Communion (8.0 a.m.); Matins (11 a.m.); Responses, Psalms, Venite, Macarion (13); Psalms, 119 (v. 1 to 32 and Gloria); Fitzherbert; Te Deum, Cuckley in F; Benedictus, Haverall (7th eve); Anthem; "Lead kindly Light," Stainer; Hymns, 431.

N.B.—Psalms 119, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 in unison.

Hymns 431, verses 1, 2, 3 in unison.

Preacher: The Rev. Canon of Victoria.

Subject: "The demand for freedom."

Litany (12 noon); Evensong (8 p.m.); Responses, Psalms, 119 (v. 1 to 32 and Gloria); James; Magnificat, Haverall (7th evening); Nunc Dimittis, Foster; Hymns, 277, 282.

Preacher: Rev. A. Turner, S.N.

N.B.—Psalms 119, verses 33, 34, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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1814/18th Mayree ... Melbourne

WEATHER REPORT.

Feb. 23rd at 11.45.—Pressure has decreased slightly at Weihaiwei and Aomori. It has increased slightly at other reporting stations.

The atmospheric conditions remain practically unchanged.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 23rd Feb. 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.48 inches, against an average of 2.77 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon 24th Feb. is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST

Hongkong to Gap Rock ... N.E. winds, fresh overcast, occasional drizzle.

Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong.

South coast of China between ... The same as Hongkong and Lannook No. 1.

South coast of China between ... The same as Hongkong and Haipoo No. 1.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Feb. 24th to Mar. 2nd, 1923.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
		H'kong	Standard	Time	Height	H'kong	Standard	Time	Height
Sat	24	3 10	1	1	8 22	3 4	1	1	11 28
Sun	25	5 22	9	9	9 4	3 6	1	1	11 28
Mon	26	6 29	10	10	0 31	2 6	1	1	11 28
Tue	27	7 28	11	11	1 14	2 0	1	1	11 28
Wed	28	8 15	12	12	1 58	1 3	1	1	11 28
Thur	1	9 0	1	1	2 30	1 1	1	1	11 28
Fri	2	9 49	7	7	3 13	0 9	1	1	11 28

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NEW YORK & BOSTON	Celtic Prince	Brit.	Prince Line	On 10th Mar.
BOSTON & NEW YORK via SUEZ	Hyson	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 1st Mar.
SAN FRANCISCO	West Ivan	Am.	Struthers & Barry	On 28th Feb.
SAN FRANCISCO via S'eat & JAP. PORTS & H'LO.	President Lincoln	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 2nd Mar.
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., via SHANGHAI, etc.	Empress Asia	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	About 22nd Mar.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via S'eat, J. PORTS	Iyo Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 1st Mar., 11 a.m.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via SUEZ & TAUKA	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 28th Feb., 10 a.m.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	Achilles	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th Feb.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, etc.	Empress Canada	Brit.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 7th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Kashmir	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 21st Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Azay Le Rideau	Fr.	Messageries Maritimes	About 10th Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, etc.	Kashima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ROTTERDAM	City of Simla	Brit.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 24th Feb.
MARSEILLES, GENOA, LIVERPOOL & LAGOS	Pelex	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th Feb.
LONDON, HULL, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Loemedon	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 25th Feb.
LONDON, HULL, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP & MARSEILLES	London Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 10th Mar.
LONDON, GENOA, HULL, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Gloamhane	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 6th of Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Schledykt	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 27th Feb.
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Ludendorff	Ger.	Ryuter Brokers and Co.	About 22nd Mar.
BOMBAY, MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Morea	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 7th March.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO	Wakasa Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th/27th Feb.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Namsang	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Mar., 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-DELI	Van Cloon	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 16th Mar.
RHINOS, VANGU & TRINITE	Peria	Brit.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 26th Feb.
LONDON via MANILA & PATER	Natchang	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 13th Mar., 10 a.m.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY	Kashima Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	About 5th Mar.
SANDAKAN	Taiwa Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About 1st Mar.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	Hinsang	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Mar., 3 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	Tango Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 21st Mar.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	Eastern	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 3rd Mar.
SHANGHAI, KOREA & YOKOHAMA	Hopsang	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 28th Feb., 10 a.m.
SEANGHAI & JAPAN	Fushimi Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th Feb.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Dongola	Brit.	P. & O. B. I. & A. L.	On 24th Feb., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Soochow	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 21st Feb., D.L.
SEANGHAI & NORTH CHINA	Dieter	Jap.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 5th March
JAPAN PORTS	Tijmonok	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 27th Mar.
TIENTSIN	Amazon Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 25th Mar.
BATAVIA via HANKA	Chipping	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 27th Feb. Noon.
CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE & KANNOON	Tijlwoong	Dut.	Java-China-Japan Lijn	About 4th Mar.
HANGKOK via SWATOW	Altai Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 26th Feb.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Yathigoh	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th Feb., 10 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW	Kwangchow	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 26th Feb., 4 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW	Halching	Brit.	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	On 2nd Mar., 1 p.m.
MANILA	Halching	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 27th Feb., 1 p.m.
MANILA	President Lincoln	Brit.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 2nd Mar.
MANILA & SINGAPORE	Elkridge	Am.	Struthers & Barry	On 3rd Mar.

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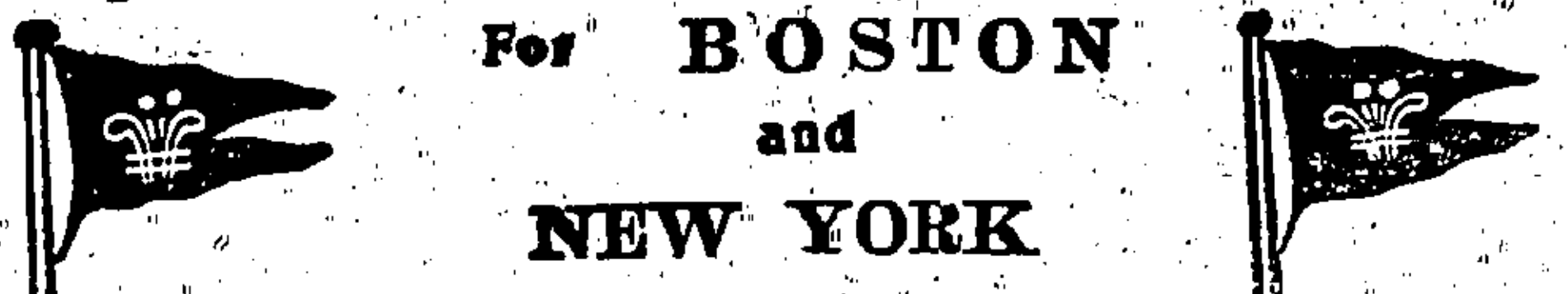
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AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZCHUEN"	On 25th Feb. D.L.
SWATOW & TSINGTAO	"SUICHOW"	On 25th Feb. Noon.
SWATOW & HANGKOW	"SUNNING"	On 1st Mar. 10 a.m.
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